

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 30 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 33. Claim 33 has been canceled. Claims 1-32 and 34 are currently pending.

Claims 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,424,673 to Haartsen ("Haartsen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,673 to Chen et al. ("Chen"). Claims 1-29 are indicated in the Office Action as allowed. Claims 31-34 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 30 has been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 33. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 30 as amended distinguishes over Haartsen in view of Chen and requests that the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claim 30 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently-pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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